

Bobcat Express

St. Stephen Middle School



Week of October 19

Dear Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed a nice weekend and the beautiful weather on Sunday.

Friday, October 30 is a new Professional Learning Day for staff with a focus on online learning. There will be no school for students on this date. Teachers will be learning more about online learning and how to support students and families in the event of a school closure. **Microsoft Teams** is the online platform that all schools throughout NB use, for in-school learning and, if needed, for virtual learning should there be a school closure. Please see below for helpful information on **Microsoft Teams** and how families can download **Office 365** (which contains a suite of Microsoft products, including Microsoft Word and Microsoft Teams) for free. Please call the school with any questions.

Best wishes for a positive week ahead!

Thank you,

Bronwyn Tanner

**Monday,
October 19 –
Friday, October 23**

- SSMS Dismissal times:
 - 2:56: Students walking or being picked up
 - 3:10: Buses: 127, 128, 133 & 136
 - 3:20: All other bus students



[ASD-S website](#)



[SSMS website](#)



Microsoft Teams



This is ASD-S **School Bus Safety Week**.

Thank you to the SSEC bus drivers for their work in safely transporting our students each day!

Microsoft Teams is the online learning platform used by all schools in New Brunswick. Grade 6 students are learning more about this platform and our grade 7 and 8 students were introduced to Teams last year. Parents and families can practice using Teams at home:

Link to tutorials and everything 'Teams' including how-to videos at <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/Pages/TeamsInfo.aspx>

Did you know? Every student in NB can install Microsoft Office 365, which



includes applications such as MS Teams, on personal computers for **free**. Instructions for downloading can be found [here](#). Please call the school with any questions.



Bobcats donated 547 Kg. of food to the Food Bank last week! Thank you for the support!



Bobcat Gallery

September Students of the Month!

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized as our **September Students of the Month**. These students exemplify our PROWL characteristics, are kind to their classmates and are true role models. Keep up the great work!

6-1: Sadie M.

6-2: Verity D.

6-3: Julia B.

6-4: Miley R.

6-5: Peter S.

7-1: Brenna G.

7-2: Claire Y.

7-3: Kora S.

7-4: Ben P.

7-5: Sage P.

7-6: Julianne L.

8-1: Lana H.

8-3: Rebecca M.

8-4: Griffon S.

8-5: Amzie C.-G.

8-6: David S.

Bobcats Staying Connected Virtually...

Last Friday, homeroom classes participated in a Bobcat Trivia game virtually through Microsoft Teams. Classes earned points for each trivia question they answered correctly. Congratulations to Mr. Cheney's 8-4 class for their first-place finish, followed closely by 7-2 who were with Ms. Ward in music. Well done, Bobcats!

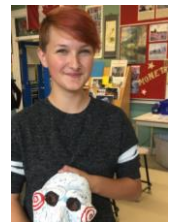


Grade 7 students in Mr. Abbandonato's Science class have been studying heat and particle theory and had the opportunity to design a prototype that would keep an ice cube from melting.



Grade 8 student, Kian M., connects virtually with Mr. Bob Sweeney of SIM Corp about a site visit during an LA class with Mr. Cheney.

Grade 8-1 students explore using microscopes in Mme. Stinson's Science class.



SSMS Mission

**Opening Doors to Opportunities
Challenge. Encourage. Achieve**

**Ouvrir les portes aux possibilités.
Défier. Encourager. Attendre**

SSMS Vision

SSMS commits to providing diverse learning opportunities to foster productive citizens.

SSMS s'engage à offrir diverses expériences d'apprentissage pur développer des citoyens responsables et productifs.